

HOUSE RESOLUTION 65

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Purity Dairies.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly specially recognize those distinguished Tennessee businesses that have a firmly established commitment to excellence and a legacy of providing quality products to their customers for generations; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary business is the company known today as Purity Dairies, which was founded in Nashville in 1925 by dairy farmer Miles Ezell, and still has family members actively involved in the business and the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, the dairy moved to the Murfreesboro Road location, where it has seen numerous expansions over six decades and remains in operation today; and

WHEREAS, Nashville's hometown dairy produces more than 140 different products and employs nearly 450 team members; and

WHEREAS, along with its legendary dairy products, Purity maintains its legacy of being deeply invested in the communities it serves, contributing to a wide range of causes; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, Purity Dairies has won 12 championship trophies at the World Dairy Expo Awards in Madison, Wisconsin, for various products including 2 percent milk, sour cream, half and half, no-fat and low-fat cottage cheese, and ice cream; and

WHEREAS, the company has won 15 gold medals in the Tennessee State Fair over the last five years, more than any other dairy, including four gold medals in the six milk/cultured products categories in 2012; and

WHEREAS, for its operational success in 2012, the Purity Dairies plant, led by Rodney Hillis and Daryl Gaw, is the first recipient of the Dean Foods CEO Quality Award, beating out 70 other dairies nationwide through a highly competitive process; and

WHEREAS, for decades, Purity Dairies has been the vanguard of Tennessee's dairy business, and it is fitting that it be formally recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Purity Dairies, applaud its constant and unwavering commitment to excellence in every endeavor, and extend our best wishes for its continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.